

Executive Leadership Team Meeting
October 12, 2022
12:30-1:30 p.m.
Delta Colonial Hotel
2301 Colonial Drive, Helena, MT



Attended by:

Representative Barry Usher

Terry Mullins, Trauma Care & EMS Supervisor, delegate for Dept of Public Health & Human Services

Bryan Page, delegate for Dept of Labor & Industry

Colonel Steve Lavin, Montana Highway Patrol

Laurie Bakri, Motor Vehicle Division-DOJ, delegate for Attorney General's Office

Superintendent Elsie Arntzen, Office of Public Instruction

Dwight Nelson, Traffic Education Director, delegate for Office of Public Instruction

Undersheriff Sheriff Katie Mills, Dawson County , Montana Sheriffs & Peace Officers Association (MSPOA)

Nanette Gilbertson, Executive Director, Montana County Attorney Association

Julie Brown, MDT Deputy Director

Pam Langve-Davis, CHSP manager, MDT

Invited guest: Greg Fredericksen, NHTSA

Annual safety meeting discussion focused on strategies that can be implemented in the coming years , including efforts to engage the Executive Leadership Team about safety, Vision Zero, and what is being done by agencies throughout the year.

Attendees shared updates on projects and programs either in progress or preparing to roll out, issues of concern, and provided safety suggestions and ideas.

Updates

Office of Public Instruction (OPI) is moving forward to educate youth on the use of marijuana. Drivers' education Module 6 is being developed and is focusing on the Deadly Deeds. A new program, Montana DRIVE CDL is being rolled out.

Concerns

Department of Labor & Industry (DLI): Work Zone safety and high rates of speeds. Montana Highway Patrol (MHP) does focus on work zone enforcement and noted that statewide coverage is limited by lack of staffing. MHP has requested additional troopers.

Additionally Move Over MT and others are looking at updating Montana Code to ensure all five disciplines are included (emergency response, law enforcement, fire & rescue, tow operators , and highway workers).

Risky driving, speeding, unbuckled and distracted were noted by those in attendance as a major concern. MHP noted an interest about unbuckled nighttime fatality data.

Rural outreach focus -determine issues and provide technical assistance to identify countermeasures that work.

Need to expand and coordinate partnerships to gather both crash data and EMS data.

Need to support EMS & Trauma Systems training. EMS & TS often in competition with people looking at increased funding for transport of Medicare. Need to look at other ways to incentivize. Some states look at adding \$5-10 to every license for essential services.

EMS needs to be recognized as an essential service.

Attendees discussed an EMS study bill for reconsideration during next session with new Legislation to carry forward to include a focus on more responders. Rep Usher stated he would carry it forward. The joint report by Montana Hospital Association & DPHHS is titled, *Emergency Medical Services in Montana: Crisis on the Horizon*,

<https://dphhs.mt.gov/assets/publichealth/EMSTS/Data/EMSSurveyReport2020.pdf>

Rep Usher asked about an Air ambulance map. Following the meeting Terry Mullins provided a link noting that currently there are 12 fixed wing air services and 7 helicopter air ambulance services licensed in Montana. A rotor-wing ambulance coverage map is not yet available at this time but is planned to be completed by March 2023.

<https://dphhs.mt.gov/assets/publichealth/EMSTS/EMS/LicensedMontanaEMSAgencies.pdf>

Golden hour should include 100% cell coverage across the state.

Include MT lane filtering laws as a part of motorcycle safety awareness. Educating the public on the traffic movement/ law needs to be ramped up for the coming year.

Suggestion/Ideas

Motor Vehicle Division (MVD) noted the eight exam stations across the state that feature safety videos. The screens can be split 3 ways and a portion of the screen can be set up to rotate through.

The new "It's Not Too Late " media previewed at the annual meeting would be good to add to line up.

Consider coordination with program managers revitalizing "Just Say No" initiative. Contacts are Lori Warden lwarden@upwardspr.com and Amy Rue, arue@montanameth.org which includes recruit and retention of youth.

ELT members suggested additional meeting instead of the two meetings historically scheduled. Recommendation was to conduct one-hour virtual meeting to keep up to speed on what is going on, especially on agenda items that need approval.

Next ELT meeting: May 9, 2023

- Agenda Item: Approval of Impaired Driving Workplan. Outlook meeting to be scheduled.